

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please replace the paragraph at page 3, line 19 through page 4, line 6 with the following:

When the suction pump 200 shuts off solenoid valve 210 causes the pressure to be quickly released from the suction chamber and the vacuum cylinder (discussed below). The suction plate 104 then disengages from the media object 106. The clip 102 then grasping the media object transports it past the scan window (not shown) so that it can be digitized by a digitizer. Discussion of the general operation of the clip as a transport mechanism can be found in copending application Serial No. 08/089,311, now U.S. Patent No. 6,208,437 entitled A VIEWING LIGHT BOX SCANNER FOR SCANNING AND VIEWING TRANSMISSIVE AND REFLECTIVE MEDIA IMAGES. On completion of the scan, a release lever 114 is automatically actuated to release the media object into a bin (not shown). The clip 102 then returns to the rest position to receive a next media object from the receptacle 100.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 5 through page 7, line 2 with the following:

Figure 6 is a side sectional view of the scanner autofeeder assembly of one embodiment of the invention. A housing 550 has a clip 502 coupled thereto. Housing 500 also defines the scanning window and contains a digitizer such as a linear CCD or other similar image sensing array. Further description of the digitizer may be found in copending patent applications, Serial No. 08/089,311 now U.S. Patent No. 6,208,437, entitled A VIEWING LIGHT BOX SCANNER FOR SCANNING AND VIEWING TRANSMISSIVE AND REFLECTIVE MEDIA IMAGES, and Serial No. 09/450,031 now U.S. Patent No. 6,188,501, entitled AN APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CAPTURING IMAGES FROM ALTERNATIVE MEDIA TYPES AN APPARATUS AND METHOD OF

CAPTURING IMAGES FROM ALTERNATIVE MEDIA TYPES. Similarly, clip 502 relies on the same sort of transport mechanism as described in those copending applications. The layout of suction plate 504, suction cavity 604 and vacuum cylinder 602 is substantially as described in connection with Figure 2 above. A light box is coupled to the housing to form one side of receptacle 600. A translucent plate 528 forms a portion of the external-most surface of the autofeeder assembly. A plurality of light sources are disposed between the translucent plate and the front wall of the receptacle. In one embodiment these light sources are cold cathode lamps, which are available commercially in diameters of three millimeters. Other light sources are within the scope and contemplation of the invention. The light box assembly, as shown in Figure 6, is oriented to align such that a media object inserted into clip 502 is backlighted by the light box for reading. When positioned thus, the autofeeder is disabled.